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Preface

This document contains the proceedings of the 29th annual NASA Aerospace Battery Workshop, hosted by the Marshall Space Flight Center on December 3-5, 1996. The workshop was attended by scientists and engineers from various agencies of the U.S. Government, aerospace contractors, and battery manufacturers, as well as international participation in like kind from a number of countries around the world.

The subjects covered included nickel-cadmium, nickel-hydrogen, silver-zinc, nickel-metal hydride, and lithium- based technologies.

Introduction

The NASA Aerospace Battery Workshop is an annual event hosted by the Marshall Space Flight Center. The workshop is sponsored by the NASA Aerospace Flight Battery Systems Program which is managed out of NASA Lewis Research Center and receives support in the form of overall objectives, guidelines, and funding from Code AE / Code S, NASA Headquarters.

The 1996 Workshop was held on three consecutive days and was divided into five sessions. The first day consisted of a General / Primary Battery Session and a Nickel-Hydrogen Battery On-Orbit Reconditioning Experience Focused Session. The second day consisted of a Nickel-Hydrogen Session and a Nickel-Cadmium Session. The third and final day was devoted to an Other Secondary Technologies Session which covered sodium-sulfur, nickel-zinc, nickel-metal hydride, and lithium ion technologies.

On a personal note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the many people that contributed to the organization and production of this workshop:

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